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## SENATE BILL No. 331

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-15.

**Synopsis:** Medicaid lien recovery. Removes a provision that prohibits the office of Medicaid policy and planning from: (1) obtaining a lien against a person lawfully residing in the home of a Medicaid recipient who provides care to the recipient in the home; and (2) enforcing a lien if the Medicaid recipient is survived by a family member. Removes a provision that automatically terminates a lien if the office does not commence foreclosure within nine months after the Medicaid recipient's death. Changes the lien exemption from \$125,000 to \$50,000. Repeals the portion of the Medicaid law that provides for subordination of the lien to the security interest of a financial institution that lends money for certain purposes.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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January 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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## SENATE BILL No. 331

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning Medicaid.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 12-15-8.5-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2002,  
2       SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. **(a)** Subject to section 10 of this chapter, when  
4       the office, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1396p, determines that a  
5       Medicaid recipient who resides in a medical institution cannot  
6       reasonably be expected to be discharged from a medical institution and  
7       return home, the office may obtain a lien on the Medicaid recipient's  
8       real property for the cost of all Medicaid expenditures made on behalf  
9       of the recipient.

10       **(b) The office shall conduct a look back (as described in 42**  
11       **U.S.C. 1396p(c)) of a Medicaid recipient's property of at least three**  
12       **(3) years.**

13       SECTION 2. IC 12-15-8.5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2002,  
14       SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15       JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. The office may not obtain a lien under this  
16       chapter if any of the following persons lawfully reside in the home of  
17       the Medicaid recipient who resides in the medical institution:



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- (1) The Medicaid recipient's spouse.
- (2) The Medicaid recipient's child who is:
  - (A) less than twenty-one (21) years of age; or
  - (B) disabled as defined by the federal Supplemental Security Income program.
- (3) The Medicaid recipient's sibling who has an ownership interest in the home and who has lived in the home continuously beginning at least twelve (12) months before the recipient was admitted to the medical institution.
- (4) The Medicaid recipient's parent.
- (5) ~~An individual; other than a paid caregiver; who:~~
  - ~~(A) was continuously residing in the recipient's home for a period of at least two (2) years immediately prior to the date of the recipient's admission to the nursing facility; and~~
  - ~~(B) establishes to the satisfaction of the office that the person provided care to the recipient enabling the recipient to reside in the recipient's home rather than in a medical institution.~~

SECTION 3. IC 12-15-8.5-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2002, SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 6. (a) Beginning on the date on which a notice of lien is recorded in the office of the county recorder under section 5 of this chapter, the notice of lien:

- (1) constitutes due notice of a lien against the Medicaid recipient's real property for any amount then recoverable and any amount that becomes recoverable under this article; and
  - (2) gives a specific lien in favor of the office on the Medicaid recipient's interest in the real property.
- (b) The lien continues from the date of filing the lien until the lien:
- (1) is satisfied; ~~or~~
  - (2) is released. ~~or~~
  - ~~(3) expires.~~

SECTION 4. IC 12-15-8.5-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2002, SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 7. The office may bring proceedings in foreclosure on a lien arising under this chapter:

- (1) during the lifetime of the Medicaid recipient if the Medicaid recipient or a person acting on behalf of the Medicaid recipient sells the property; or
- (2) upon the death of the Medicaid recipient.

~~The lien automatically expires unless the office commences a foreclosure action not later than nine (9) months after the Medicaid recipient's death.~~



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SECTION 5. IC 12-15-8.5-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2002, SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 8. ~~(a) The office may not enforce a lien under this chapter if the Medicaid recipient is survived by any of the following:~~

~~(1) The recipient's spouse;~~

~~(2) The recipient's child who is:~~

~~(A) less than twenty-one (21) years of age; or~~

~~(B) disabled as defined by the federal Supplemental Security Income program;~~

~~(3) The recipient's parent;~~

~~(b)~~ The office may not enforce a lien **against a Medicaid recipient's home** under this chapter as long as any of the following individuals reside in the home:

(1) The recipient's child of any age if the child:

(A) resided in the home for at least twenty-four (24) months before the Medicaid recipient was admitted to the medical institution;

(B) provided care to the Medicaid recipient that delayed the Medicaid recipient's admission to the medical institution; and

(C) has resided in the home on a continuous basis since the date of the individual's admission to the medical institution.

(2) The Medicaid recipient's sibling who has an ownership interest in the home and who has lived in the home continuously beginning at least twelve (12) months before the Medicaid recipient was admitted to the medical institution.

SECTION 6. IC 12-15-8.5-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2002, SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 9. (a) The office shall release a lien imposed under this chapter within ten (10) business days after the county office of family and children receives notice that the Medicaid recipient:

(1) is no longer living in the medical institution; and

(2) ~~is living in the~~ **has returned home to live.**

(b) The county recorder shall waive the filing fee for the filing of a release made under this section.

(c) If the property subject to the lien is sold, the office shall release its lien at the closing, and the lien shall attach to the net proceeds of the sale.

SECTION 7. IC 12-15-8.5-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2002, SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 10. (a) An exemption from the lien in the amount of ~~one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000)~~ **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** applies to the:

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(1) interest, in the case of a single interest; or  
 (2) combined total interests, in the case of multiple interests;  
 of the Medicaid recipient in all property subject to the lien.

(b) This section expires January 1, 2008.

SECTION 8. IC 12-15-9-0.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.178-2002,  
 SECTION 82, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 0.5. (a) As used in this chapter, "estate" includes:

(1) all real and personal property and other assets included within  
 an individual's probate estate;

(2) any interest in real property owned by the individual at the  
 time of death that was conveyed to the individual's survivor  
 through joint tenancy with right of survivorship, if the joint  
 tenancy was created after June 30, 2002; and

(3) any real or personal property conveyed through a nonprobate  
 transfer.

(b) As used in this chapter, "nonprobate transfer" means a valid  
 transfer, effective at death, by a transferor:

(1) whose last domicile was in Indiana; and

(2) who immediately before death had the power, acting alone, to  
 prevent transfer of the property by revocation or withdrawal and:

(A) use the property for the benefit of the transferor; or

(B) apply the property to discharge claims against the  
 transferor's probate estate.

The term does not include transfer of a survivorship interest in a  
 tenancy by the entireties real estate ~~transfer of a life insurance policy~~  
~~or annuity~~; or payment of the death proceeds of a life insurance policy.  
~~or annuity.~~

SECTION 9. IC 12-15-9-0.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.178-2002,  
 SECTION 84, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 0.7. (a) This section applies only to real property  
 owned by the individual at the time of death that was conveyed to the  
 individual's survivor through joint tenancy with right of survivorship.

(b) The office may enforce its claim against property described in  
 subsection (a) only to the extent that the value of the recipient's  
 combined total interest in all real property described in subsection (a)  
 subject to the claim exceeds ~~one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars~~  
~~(\$125,000).~~ **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).**

(c) This section expires January 1, 2008.

SECTION 10. IC 12-15-8.5-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
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